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NOTE TO: [redacted]

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FROM : Robert M. Gates
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1. I have just received and read [redacted] paper on "Domestic Responsibilities of Soviet Party Central Committee Secretaries." I just wanted to let you know that I thought this was a fine piece of work. I hope that the analysts of Soviet internal affairs will take the opportunity presented by the Party Congress to publish perhaps several short papers on various aspects of the Congress. [redacted] demonstrates that we have something useful to say about these subjects and should say it in print more frequently. (C)

2. I have called [redacted] to the attention of Dick Pipes and intend to mention it at the State Department Thursday when I meet with senior Soviet types. (U)

3. Again, please pass on [redacted] recent paper was a first-class piece of work. (U)


Robert M. Gates

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